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Elba woman charged with murder following stabbing incident Thursday, Sept. 19

The Elba Police Department received a report Thursday afternoon, Sept. 19, just before 3 p.m., of a possible suicide on Caroline Street in Elba.

Upon arrival on scene, police found a male victim, 54-year-old Steve Magwood, deceased inside a residence due to stab wounds. As a result of the initial investigation, 49-year-old Deloris Smith was arrested and charged with murder.

Smith remains in the Coffee County Jail with no bond set on the murder charge.

Due to this being an ongoing investigation, no further statements will be made at this time.

The Elba Police Department appreciates the as-



Deloris M. Smith is being held in the Coffee County Jail, charged with the murder of Steve Magwood.

sistance from the Coffee County Sheriff's Office, the Office of the District Attorney, Enterprise Rescue and the Coffee County Coroner with this investigation.

Secretary of State announces release of Sample Ballots for November's General Election

Secretary of State Wes Allen is making Alabamians aware that the sample ballots for the November 5, 2024 General Election are now available on the Secretary of State's website: www.AlabamaVotes.gov.

"Sample ballots for all 67 counties have been made publicly available on our website, www.AlabamaVotes.gov. I would encourage all Alabamians to review these sample ballots as they get ready to head to the polls on November 5," Allen said.

The Secretary of State's website has several features for Alabamians to use as we head into the November 5, 2024 Presidential Election.

"At www.AlabamaVotes.gov, Alabamians can register to vote with a valid Alabama driver license, verify their voter registration status, check their polling location, and track their absentee ballot," Allen explained. "My team and I work very hard to ensure that our website is a functional tool for all Alabamians to utilize as they prepare to go vote on November 5."

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day. Voters are required to present a valid form of photo identification before

casting a ballot.

Secretary Allen extends his thanks to the county election officials for their work preparing and approving these sample ballots.

"As a former probate judge, I know firsthand how much preparation goes into running a fair, secure, and transparent election. I want to thank the county probate judges and election officials for working hard to create and review sample ballots for their counties, so that Alabama voters can be informed and prepared for Election Day," Allen said.

View the sample ballots here: <https://www.sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/2024-general-election-sample-ballots>.

NOTICE:

The Elba Historic Preservation Alliance will host the Moonlighters' Gala on Thursday, Oct. 17, at the Elba Theatre, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

This will feature a concert by the Dothan Moonlighters and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are on sale now for \$25. Check with Elba Chamber for more information.



An Arrow Disposal garbage truck overturned last Wednesday, Sept. 18, on Highway 84 near the Larkin Road intersection. This accident was reported just after 4 p.m. last Wednesday. Reportedly, the driver of the garbage truck escaped the wreck without injury. Eastbound traffic on Hwy. 84 was shutdown for quite some time as the wreckage was removed from the roadway.

COUNTY OFFICE SCHEDULE CHANGE GOES INTO EFFECT MONDAY, SEPT. 30TH!

Effective Monday, September 30, 2024, the Coffee County Probate Office, Coffee County Revenue Commissioner's Office, Coffee County Commission Office, Environmental Services Office, the Maintenance Department, and the Sheriff's administrative office personnel will move to a 4/10 work schedule. The offices named above will be open from 7 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. each Monday - Thursday with thirty minutes allotted for lunch. All of the above offices will be closed on Fridays.

The Sheriff's Office law enforcement personnel, Jail, Dispatch, Landfill, Roll Off, Residential Collection, and Senior Centers will not be affected by this schedule change.

The Courthouses in Elba and Enterprise will remain open to the public on Fridays, and security will be provided. This change does not impact State offices located at a courthouse or other county facility, to include: Circuit Court, District Court, the Circuit Clerk, the Juvenile Probation Office, Board of Registrars, Veterans Affairs, or Absentee Voting. These offices will remain open on Fridays.



The Elba Chamber of Commerce sponsored a trash pickup in downtown Elba last Saturday, Sept. 21, in conjunction with soldiers from Ft. Novosel. Several of the participants are pictured above.

City of Elba offices to be closed on Columbus Day

The Elba City Council voted Monday evening, Sept. 23, to make Columbus Day an annual holiday for city employees. Therefore, city offices will be closed Monday, Oct. 14, in observance of this year's Columbus Day holiday.



Jay Wilson is shown holding the Bud Burns Dixie Junior Golf Tournament trophy from his win last weekend in Selma, Ala. His name now will be added to the trophy beside other tourney winners, including professional golfers Hubert Green, Stewart Cink and Bubba Watson.

Elba's Wilson wins 63rd Annual Bud Burns Dixie Junior Golf Tournament

Elba's Jay Wilson competed last weekend against a field of 65 players (ages 14-19) in the 63rd Annual Bud Burns Dixie Junior golf tournament hosted by the Alabama Junior Golf Association at Selma County Club in Selma, Ala.

Wilson had rounds of 66 and 70 to finish the tournament at 6 under par. This vaulted him to the win by three strokes over Alex Wahl of Birmingham, Ala. and Caleb Terrell of Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Bud Burns was the head golf professional at Selma Country Club for many years and was instrumental in the growth of junior golf in the State of Alabama. This tournament named in

his honor has consistently welcomed the best junior golfers from all across the southeast.

Past winners include professional golf major champions Hubert Green, Stewart Cink, and Bubba Watson. There are also a host of other winners who have gone on to play college and professional golf.

Wilson is a junior at Elba High School and a member of the boys golf team. He also is the reigning AHSA Class 1A/2A individual state champion. This was his third time competing in this event and one of the biggest wins in his young career.

Jay is the son of Josh and Jill Wilson of Elba.



The students at Kinston High School have elected their 2024 Homecoming Court. Pictured from left to right are Emory Kinsaul, freshman attendant; SaraKate Danford, junior attendant; Tori Pettis, senior attendant; Jorja Beth Wilson, 2024 Homecoming Queen; Laken White, senior attendant, and Paisley Clark, Sophomore attendant. Homecoming activities at Kinston will commence with the parade Friday, Sept. 27, at 2:15. The queen and her court will be presented at halftime during the homecoming game against Samson, which will kick off at 7:00.

Area Happenings

The Ma-Chis Indian Tribe of Alabama will hold a general citizenship meeting Saturday, Sept. 28, at 2950 County Rd. 377, Elba, Ala. At 10 a.m. there will be a workshop for building an emergency solar generator, lunch will be at 12 noon for attendees of the workshop [RSVP by Sept. 26th], and the general meeting will be at 1 p.m. Discussion for the general meeting will be federal recognition, guest speakers, Pow Wow, Youth Council and LJEAP and CSBG Grants. ALL KEEPSEAGLE CLAIMANTS AND DICRIMINATION CLAIMANTS NEED TO ATTEND.

EDITORIAL

Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2024, through Monday, Sept. 23, 2024, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center –

Tuesday, Sept. 17 – Suspicious person reported at 406 Simmons St – w/ arrest (1:12 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1798 Highland Dr – w/impound (11:47 a.m.); Civil complaint reported at 1282 Neil Grantham Dr (4:49 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 647 Claxton Ave N (5:35 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Jackson Ave (9:04 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1578 Caroline St (10:11 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 839 Troy Hwy (10:27 p.m.); Report of shots fired on Reynolds Ave

(11:08 p.m.). Ten traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings, two citations, five written warnings, and one arrest.

Wednesday, Sept. 18 – Suspicious person reported at 715 Troy Hwy (1:11 a.m.); Powerline/electrical fire reported at 246 Larkin Rd (8:58 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1036 Hickman Ave (9:00 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Simmons St (3:01 p.m.); Auto accident reported in area of Hickman Ave and Larkin Rd (4:03 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1150 Claxton Ave N (5:19 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 643 Claxton Ave N (8:09 p.m.). Seven traffic stops resulted in two written warnings, two citations, and three verbal warnings.

Thursday, Sept. 19 – Suspicious vehicle reported at Hwy 203 and Martin Luther King Dr (3:20 a.m.); Reckless driver reported at 165 Larkin Rd – w/advice given (6:20 a.m.); Livestock in the roadway on Herman Driggers Dr (1:36 p.m.); Murder reported at 1584 Caroline St B6 (2:55 p.m.); Runaway juvenile reported at 223739 Hwy 189 (6:56

p.m.); Verbal altercation reported at Reynolds Ave and Jones St (10:13 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a written warning.

Friday, Sept. 20 – Livestock in the roadway on County Rd 364 (3:41 a.m.); Reckless driver reported at Hwy 87 and Hwy 134 (7:23 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 145 Tiger Dr (7:34 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 189 (9:55 p.m.). Six traffic stops resulted in three written warnings, two verbal warnings, and one citation.

Saturday, Sept. 21 – Suspicious person reported on Caroline St (3:54 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Hwy 189 and Cty Rd 417 (9:17 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Hwy 84 (1:42 p.m.); Noise complaint reported at 1242 Jones Circle (5:36 p.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 1240 Jones Circle (6:14 p.m.); Noise complaint reported

at 715 Lee St (7:50 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1625 Parker St (11:13 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning, and one citation.

Sunday, Sept. 22 – Suspicious vehicle reported on Claxton Ave N (2:18 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Reese Ave and Lower Curtis Rd (7:28 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 966 Morrow Ave (8:49 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in two citations, and two written warnings.

Monday, Sept. 23 – Verbal altercation reported at 651 Reynolds Ave (12:12 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1883 Hickman Ave E (1:26 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1425 Martin Luther King Dr – w/ impound (8:43 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 315 Adkinson Ave (11:46 a.m.). Six traffic stops resulted in two citations, and four written warnings.

Windy Thoughts

with Linda Hodge, Editor

The local school systems [Elba City and Coffee County] each held Fiscal Year 2025 budget hearings recently followed by the respective boards approving the budgets as presented. We were impressed in hearing that each system shows more than the state-required dollars in reserve for operating expenses. The Coffee County School System showed it anticipates to have an operating balance of over 7 months at the end of FY2025 while the Elba City School System expects to have over 4 months of operating balance funds at the end of FY2025. The state requires school systems to have at least a month's operating balance in the budget to be considered in good financial standing. We extend a 'well done' to both our local systems on keeping our local schools in good financial shape - especially the CFO's that have to crunch the numbers continuously to make sure this happens!

Taking a look closer at the Elba School System's reserve in operating balance funds, CFO Valiece McKelvy said the goal for the Elba System is to keep three months of operating balance funds in the budget; therefore, she said the Elba System may look at doing some capital improvement projects with its 'extra' surplus in operating funds. We like that idea tremendously! A system must look after its infrastructure! Again, job well done.

As we write this column for the week, eyes and ears were tuned into the weather forecasts as the potential for a tropical system [called Tropical Cyclone #9 on Tuesday but expected to make landfall as Hurricane Helene by Thursday] to impact the area was a possibility. On Tuesday morning, the local projection was for the system to make landfall to the east of the local area meaning mostly rain and some wind here; however, the track was not 100 percent certain at the time and a shift to the west could mean increased bad weather chances. We don't like wishing bad weather on anyone but do hope the storm chose to stay mostly to our east.

While on the subject of tropical storms and/or hurricanes, there is always the question of do we go ahead and prepare for the bad weather or wait to see what happens... well, we figure it doesn't hurt to go ahead and be prepared! If you are prepared and the bad weather doesn't arrive - no harm done and less worry on your part. To us, that sounds like the best way to go! And, you get to go ahead and enjoy that Little Debbie snack that you probably would not have purchased had you not been preparing for the storm and potential for power outages! Now, that is a win-win!!

There has been lots of questions lately about the Jack's Restaurant. Folks had not heard much lately on the subject, which had some questioning us if the restaurant was still planning to come to Elba or not. Well...the answer is yes. Jack's is still working on coming to Elba! The Elba City Council even passed a resolution during Monday evening's meeting to seek funding to establish a waterline that would feed the restaurant at the location chosen to construct the restaurant building. So, hang tight...the road still leads to a Jack's restaurant coming to Elba next year.

Ghost Writer

Telephone Friend or Enemy!

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Members should have already received an annual meeting packet in the mail. If you have not, please contact us at 334-566-2060.

Cast your vote in 3 simple steps:



STEP 1

Review the candidate information inside the packet. Mark one choice for each district. Make sure to include your phone number(s) and email address.



STEP 2

Place the completed ballot in the enclosed return envelope.



STEP 3

Ballots must be received by 12 p.m. on Monday, October 28, 2024. Mail the ballot back at least seven business days before the deadline.



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Obituaries

ANDREW JORDAN WILLIAMS

Mr. Andrew Jordan Williams, age 31, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, Sept. 19, 2024, in Bonifay, Fla.

Visitation with the family was held Tuesday, Sept. 24, at Hayes Funeral Home in Elba. A private graveside service followed.

Survivors include his father: Charles "Chuck" (Miranda) Williams Jr., Elba; mother: Christie Williams, Panama City Beach, Fla.; sisters: Brinley Rogers, Troy, Ala., and Madison Mitchell, Elba; along with his niece and nephew: Kinley and Walker Rogers, Troy, Ala.

EVELEEN CAMPBELL

Ms. Eveleen Campbell, age 86, of Opp, Ala., died Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024, at her home surrounded by family.

Eveleen Stoudmire Campbell was born May 28, 1938 in Covington County, to the late Jackie Stoudmire and the late Minnie Florence Hightower.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Sept. 19, 2024, at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Elba, with Coleman Funeral Home and Crematory of Elba directing.

Eveleen was preceded in death by her three sisters - Minnie Lee Thigpen, Katherine Edwards, Murlie S. Raymond; four brothers - John H. Stoudmire, James Stoudmire, Douglas Stoudmire, and Harvey D. Stoudmire; and two grandchildren - Chris Stoudmire and Hannah Lindsey.

Eveleen was married to the late Willie Campbell for 39 years. Through their love, they had four children: Nathan Stoudmire, Shirley, (Davy) Lindsey, Gloria Campbell, and Leonard Campbell, all of Opp. Other survivors include her brother: AZ (Sara Frances) Stoudmire, Elba; one sister: Mae Sue Williams, Denver, Colo.; three sisters-in-law: Cordie Stoudmire of GA, Ella Mae Stoudmire and Mary Stoudmire, both of Opp; one brother-in-law: Willie Raymond, Enterprise, Ala.; 12 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, 5 great-great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

GLADYS SMITH HATAWAY

Mrs. Gladys Smith Hataway, age 82, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, Sept. 20, 2024, at her home surrounded by her family.

She will be remembered by her former co-workers at National Security Insurance Company for her vital role in their daily operations.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church on Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024, beginning at 3 p.m., with Rev. Dewey Emfinger officiating. The family will receive friends at the church at the conclusion of the service. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba is serving the Hataway family.

Mrs. Hataway was preceded in death by her parents, Alvena and James Stephen Smith; along with a son, Stephen Winfred Hataway; and a brother, James Lester Smith.

Survivors include her husband of 64 years: Bob Hataway, Elba; daughter: Anita Marie (Steven) Jones, Enterprise, Ala.;

son: Martin David (Phyllis) Hataway, Elba; and five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

KENNETH SMITH

Mr. Kenneth Smith, age 67, of Opp, Ala., died Thursday, Sept. 19, 2024,

at Flowers Hospital in Dothan surrounded by his loved ones.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Sept. 22, 2024, from the Chapel of Coleman Funeral Home in Elba, Ala.

He was preceded in death by his father - Junior Smith, mother - Louise Moore, and son-in-law - Calvin Hines.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years: Cathy Smith, Opp; daughters: Lanie Hines, Wendy Smith (Shantee); son: Bobby Smith (Angela); seven grandsons, one granddaughter, and four great-grandchildren; along with nine brothers and sisters, and many nieces and nephews.

LEE DENISE JOHNSON

Mrs. Lee Denise Johnson, age 72, of Brantley, Ala., died Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024, at her residence in Brantley.

Celebration of Life Services are planned in both Alabama and California. The service in Alabama will be at Ino Baptist Church and will be announced at a later date. Locally, Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Alabama is serving the Johnson family.

The service in California will be Saturday, Nov. 23, at 11 a.m. at El Nido Missionary Baptist Church in El Nido, Calif.

Lee loved the Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry through Samaritan's Purse, which sends gifts to children in need around the world. Lee also had a huge heart for the nation of Israel, and she supported our family friend's guesthouse ministry to Israeli backpackers in Argentina for the last six years.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to one of the following ministries: Ino Baptist Church, 6157 Highway 134, Kinston, AL 36453 <<<https://ino.church/give>>> (please choose OCC Shoeboxes in the fund drop-down menu) El Nido Missionary Baptist Church, 10015 State Hwy 59, El Nido, CA 95317 <<<http://www.elnido.org/giving>>> (please mention OCC Shoeboxes in the notes) Life in Messiah, P.O. Box 5470, Lansing, IL 60438 <<<https://www.lifeinmessiah.org/?form=Donate>>> (gifts should be designated to the Argentina guesthouse ministry in comments)

Lee was preceded in death by her parents - Howard & Marjorie Morrison Wetter; and brother - Bruce Wetter.

Survivors include her husband: Raymond Johnson; daughters: Jennifer (Greg) Driscoll, Amanda (Dean) Jentes, and Sarah (Neil) McMaster; son: Richard Johnson; sister: Beth Wetter; brother: Lon Wetter; and four grandchildren.

MARGIE BRUNDIDGE
Ms. Margie Brundidge, age 68, Enterprise, Ala., died Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2024, at her home in Lizella Ga.

Margie was born on May 16, 1956, to the late J.W. Smith and Dorothy Neil Byrd (Holloway).

She attended Carroll Street School and Enterprise High School.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024, at Coleman Funeral Home Chapel, Enterprise, Ala.

She was preceded in death by her son - Antonio Jermain Brundidge, one grandson - William Micah Rabsool Smith, one sister - Dorothy Ann Holloway, and two brothers - Kenneth Holloway and Ira Daniel Holloway Jr.

Survivors include two children: United States Army Retired SSG Stacy (William) Smith, Lizella, Ga.; Keshia (Jason) Gordon, Rochester, NY; four sisters: Lola Brundidge, Patricia Holloway and Barbara Holloway, all of Rochester, and Barbarette Holloway, Atlanta, Ga.; two brothers: United States Marine Corps Retired Major James Holloway and Jamie Holloway, both of Rochester; nine grandchildren: Brianna, Isaiah, Jason Jr., Asialyn, Jaquan, Armyll, Quincy, Imani and Anayyah; four great-grandchildren: Cartier, Hermes, Temari and Aria; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

MARY JEWEL ODOM

Mrs. Mary Jewel Odom, age 85, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, Sept. 22, 2024, at her home.

Jewel will be remembered for her delicious cooking, and the fellowship afforded her customers. She successfully owned and operated Juliette's restaurant for many years where locals not only gathered to enjoy a square meal, but also to visit and catch up on the latest happenings.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Derek Snellgrove officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

Survivors include her husband: JW Odom, Elba; granddaughter: Jennifer Henderson, Opp, Ala.; brother: Thomas D. Chambliss, Elba; and sisters: Janice Robichaux, L'Auberge, La., Carolyn

MARY MATTHEWS

Ms. Mary Matthews, age 88, of Opp, Ala., died recently.

Mary Alice was born December 18, 1935 to the late Lillie Mae Matthews and Marshall Roy of Curtis, Ala.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Sept. 22, 2024, at Nazareth Baptist Church, Opp, with

Coleman Funeral Home and Crematory of Elba directing.

She was preceded in death by her son - Bobby Matthews, two sisters - Adell Underwood, and Maebell Matthews, her brother - Gabe Matthews, and great-grandson - Gunner Matthews.

Survivors include her brother: Eddie (Barbara) Matthews, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; daughters: Marilyn (Johnny) Shepard, Riverdale, Ga., Monica (Tony) Onque Hampton, of Va., Jeanette (Eugene) Horstead, Opp, Linda Rolan, Newport News, Va., Denise Matthews, Opp, Pamela Matthews, Dothan, Ala.; son: Derek (Sandra) Matthews, Fayetteville, Ga.; and a host of grandchildren/great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

PHYLLIS RAY BROCK

Mrs. Phyllis Ray Brock, age 59, a resident of Blytheville, Ark., died Friday, Sept. 20, 2024.

She was a graduate of Opp High School. She loved to cook for her family. She also was a die-hard Auburn Tigers football fan and loved sharing that with her oldest son, John "David" and they loved to yell "War Damn Eagle".

Funeral services will be held at 12 noon Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024, from the Chapel of Wyatt Funeral Home in Opp with Brian Brock officiating. Burial will follow in the family plot at Danley's Crossroads Cemetery. Visitation will be held at Wyatt Funeral Home on Saturday from 10 a.m. until service time.

To honor Phyllis, everyone is asked to please wear orange and navy blue in

support for her beloved Auburn Tigers.

She was preceded in death by her father, Philip Ray; grandmother, Iris Dene Ray "Mam-Maw"; and son-in-law, Richard Parker.

Survivors include her loving husband: William "Dale" Brock; sons: John "David" Adams IV & wife, Rachel, John "Frankie" Edgar Jr., step-children: Tasha Brock, Amanda Parker and Brandon Brock; 11 grandchildren & five great-grandchildren; her mother: Charlotte Dupuis; siblings: Phillip Ray and Steven Silver & wife, Cara; along with numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

ROLAND ELY POWELL

Mr. Roland Ely Powell, age 88, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, Sept. 19, 2024, at his home in Elba.

Roland was a graduate of the Elba High School Class of 1955 and completed his education at Troy State. He was an excellent athlete, father, coach, teacher, administrator, farmer and entrepreneur.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Hubert McWaters officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

The family asks that contributions be made to the First Baptist Church of Elba Children's Ministry, P.O. Box 507, Elba, Alabama, 36323.

Roland was preceded in death by his mother - Mary Bowden Powell, father - Clifford Powell, 12 siblings and a grandson - Aaron Powell.

Survivors include his wife: Patsy Powell, Elba; son: Ronnie (Carla) Powell, Elba; daughters: Susie (Phil) Farris, Elba, and Lu (Donnie) Morris, Valparaiso, Fla.; grandsons: Matthew Farris, Elba, Broderick (Shawna) Morris, Tyndall

AFB, Fla., LaDon (Missy) Morris, Wright Patterson AFB, Fla.; granddaughters: Anna Powell, Orlando, Fla., Elizabeth Farris, Tampa, Fla., Emily (Joe) Warren, Santa Rosa Beach, Fla., and a sister: JoAnn (Johnny) Hollinghead, Opp, Ala.

TED FILLINGIM

Mr. Ted Fillingim, age 75, of Jack, Ala., died peacefully Monday, Sept. 23, 2024, at his home.

Ted showed great strength and courage as

he fought a long, hard battle with Parkinson's which eventually took his life. Born April 14, 1949, to a long line of farmers, Ted had to learn early on about hard work and dedication. He spent seven years in the National Guard and later graduated with a Master's degree from Troy University. Ted spent many years working in the school system, but his real passion was found on a tractor. In his spare time, he worked as an auctioneer and coached girls' basketball at Zion Chapel School.

Funeral services were held from Victoria Baptist Church on Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2024, at 11 a.m., with Rev. Donnie Marler officiating. Burial followed in the New Hope Cemetery. Visitation was at Victoria Baptist Church on Wednesday from 10-11 a.m.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Artemia (Whitehead) Fillingim.

Survivors include his wife of 31 years: Melissa Fillingim, Jack; his sons: Troy Fillingim, and Hayden Osborn; daughters: Kelsea Fillingim McDonnell (Dusty McDonnell), and Heather Fillingim Walden (Walt Walden); five grandchildren: Kaelyn Fillingim Hill (Rance Hill), Ridge Walden, Stetson McDonnell, Maisyn Clare McDonnell, Wilks McDonnell; great-grandchildren: Flint Elzey, Troy Taylor Hill, and Gaston Hill; three sisters: Judy Dismukes, Diane Smith (Wayne), Janet Bass (Ronnie); and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ask Heath

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Being a Cancer Companion

If you are reading this article, you surely have the intention to be a good helper during the cancer journey. That's a good start. Intention is where everything begins.

Now to your intention you must add action. You must reach out and keep reaching out to the person who has cancer. You must offer your presence and your empathy for the long haul. You must persevere long after most friends and even family members fall away.

You see, not everyone has the endurance to be a good helper for months and years, which is often how long the cancer journey takes. Yet this is exactly what the person who has cancer needs most—people she can count on, well, forever.

Good cancer companions spend time with the people they care about who have cancer. They share meals and activities but they also have conversations. Importantly, they listen. They have empathy. They are sounding boards and, sometimes, whipping posts.

Cancer companions accompany people with cancer on their journeys. They do not walk in front of or behind the person with cancer. They walk alongside, arm-in-arm. And they continue to offer their presence and loving companionship as long as the journey lasts.

Yet, the more connected you feel to the person who has cancer, the more you, too, will struggle with the diagnosis and grieve throughout her cancer journey. Also, the closer you are to the person with cancer, the more help you will need for yourself in the coming weeks and months.

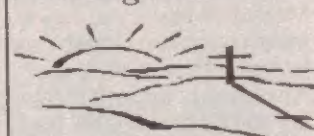
Because of your normal and necessary grief, you may find it impossible to be as supportive of the person who has cancer as you would like to be. That's how grief works. But if you get good support for yourself and work on expressing all your fears, thoughts, and feelings (by sharing them with the person with cancer but also in other ways, such as journaling or attending a support group), you will be better able to help the person with cancer. You will also find hope and healing for yourself.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

ADDITIONS TO KINSTON SCHOOL FOR THE COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

ELBA, ALABAMA
MCKEE PROJECT NO: 23-370

Sealed proposals for this project shall be received by Mrs. Kelly Cobb, Superintendent at the Coffee County Board of Education, 400 Reddoch Hill Road Elba, AL 36323, Ph: 334-897-5016, until **2:00 PM Central Time, Tuesday, October 1, 2024**, then opened and read aloud. A **Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference** shall be held on **Wednesday, September 18, 2024 @ 10:00 AM Central Time** at the school. All General Contractors bidding on these projects shall be required to visit the site and examine all existing conditions prior to submitting their proposal. All Bidders shall have general liability and workman's compensation insurance.

The projects shall be bid excluding taxes. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect or copies thereof. No bid may be withdrawn after scheduled closing for receipt of bids for a period of ninety (90) days. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in the Owners judgment, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted.

A certified check or Bid Bond payable to the **Coffee County Schools** in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than \$10,000.00 must accompany the bidder's proposal. Performance and statutory labor and material payment bonds will be required at the signing of the Contract.

All bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975 and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Architect. All bidders shall show such evidence by clearly displaying their current license number on the outside of the sealed envelope in which the proposal is delivered.

PDFs of the project can be reviewed by going to the McKee website at www.mckeeassoc.com and selecting "Project Bid List". Also, if you are not receiving NOTIFICATIONS from us, please register on our website, "Project Bid List" by selecting manage your bid list profile. The documents may be viewed online and printed by General Contractors, SubContractors and Suppliers. Documents published through this procedure are the only documents endorsed by the Architect. The Architect is unable to monitor, confirm and maintain other websites that provide documents. Addendums will be provided to entities that have **CONFIRMED** bidding for this particular project. The Architect retains ownership and copyrights of the documents. If bidders require printed sets, please submit request to the Architect at mckeeplans@gmail.com. Include your first & last name, company name, address, phone number and the project name and number. Print sets are to be returned, in reusable condition, within ten days after bid opening.

All RFIs and RFAs regarding the bid documents shall be sent and addressed through emails found on the RFI and RFA forms in the project manual. **NOTE: ONLY THE RFI AND RFA FORMS IN THE PROJECT MANUAL WILL BE ACCEPTED.** The Architect will not accept inquiries via telephone or fax.

Completion Time: See scope of work in Project Manual.
Supervision: Contractor to ensure proper supervision

of all work.

Owner: Mrs. Kelly Cobb, Superintendent, Coffee County Board of Education, 400 Reddoch Hill Road Elba, AL 36323, Phone: 334-897-5016

Architect: McKee and Associates Architects, Inc., 631 South Hull Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104, Phone: 334-834-9933
9/12,19&26-chg.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness described in and secured by the terms of that certain Mortgage executed by JAMES CAMPBELL, a married man, and Kimberly V. Campbell, a married person, to ALL IN CREDIT UNION, a federal credit union, dated June 26, 2022, and recorded on July 26, 2022, in Official Records Book 1164, at Page 51, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Geneva County, Alabama; and said default continuing; and the undersigned holder of said mortgage having declared the entire indebtedness due and payable in accordance with the terms and conditions of said mortgage, notice is hereby given that the undersigned, ALL IN CREDIT UNION, will, under the terms of said mortgage, sell at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder in front of the Courthouse door of Geneva County, Alabama, in Geneva, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, the following described property:

A Parcel of land lying in and being a part of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 32, Township 1 North, Range 22 East, Geneva County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a 4"x4" concrete monument marking the Southeast corner of the NW 1/4, of the SW 1/4 of Section 32; Thence S86°39'42"W, a distance of 243.63 feet to a Capped Rebar #27401; Thence S82°42'40"W a distance of 23.77 feet, to a 6"x6" concrete monument; Thence N89°59'07"W, a distance of 186.05 feet to a 6"x6" concrete monument; Thence N89°06'57"W a distance of 400.03 feet to a 1" pipe, and the East Right of Way Line of Geneva County Road 33 (100' Right of Way); Thence along said Right of Way Line N12°37'54"W, a distance of 421.48 feet to a Capped Rebar #9231; Thence departing said Right of Way Line N77°05'23"E, a distance of 209.90 feet to a Capped Rebar #9231; Thence N12°51'29"W, a distance of 209.94 feet to a Capped Rebar #9231; Thence S77°06'17"W, a distance of 210.18 feet to a Capped Rebar #9231, and the Aforementioned East Right of Way Line; Thence along said Right of Way Line N12°56'04"W, a distance of 259.88 feet to a Capped Rebar #27725; Thence departing said Right of Way Line N89°59'56"E, a distance of 1050.16 feet to a Capped Rebar #27725 and the East Line of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4; Thence along said East Line S00°00'04"E, a distance of 858.27 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Said Parcel contains 18.00 acres More or Less. This property will be sold on an as is, where is basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate of the county where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. *Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the*

foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation; contact H. Samuel Prim, III at the phone number shown below prior to attendance at sale.

Dated this the 12th day of September, 2024.
ALL IN CREDIT UNION;
BY: H. Samuel Prim, III
Prim & Mendheim, LLC
Attorney for Mortgagee
103 Jamestown Boulevard
Dothan, Alabama 36302
(334) 671-9555
(File No.: 24-792)
9/19,26&10/3-chg

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Coffee County Water Authority has filed an application with ADEM for State Revolving Loan and American Rescue Funds to construct a new elevated water storage tank and a water supply well. A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 21, at 5:30 P.M. at the office of the utility located at 401 E Davis Street, Elba, AL 36323 to acquaint citizens with the scope of the overall project. There will be a discussion on such items as economic and environmental impact, service area, alternatives, and other issues involving the project. 9/26,10/3,10&17-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF Maxwell Neal Brown, Jr., Deceased.
CASE NO. PR-2024-157

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of Maxwell Neal Brown, Jr., deceased, having been granted to Amelia H. Brown, Personal Representative, on the 6th day of September, 2024, by the Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama
Richard W. Whittaker,
Attorney
300 E. Lee Street
Enterprise, AL 36330
(334) 393-5146
9/12,19&26-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO.: PR-2024-169

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GERALD L. JOHNSON, DECEASED

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of **Gerald L. Johnson**, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 18th day of September, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred.

/s/ Theresa Diane Pelfrey
Theresa Diane Pelfrey
Co-Personal Representative of said Estate
/s/ Gerald Lee Johnson, Jr.
Gerald Lee Johnson, Jr.
Co-Personal Representative of said Estate
9/26,10/3&10-pd.

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LEGAL NOTICES (con't from Page 4)

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF:
The Petition For Adoption
By:
PATRICIA DAWSON

To Adopt: L.T.K.
CASE NO. PRA-2024-004

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION TO: SCHIRON WASHINGTON

Notice is hereby given Hon. D. Bruce McLean on behalf of the Petitioner, PATRICIA DAWSON, has filed a Petition for Adoption in the Probate Court of Coffee County, Enterprise Division, Alabama, in regards to L.T.K., date of birth: 12/13/2005. If you should have any reason why this Petition for Adoption should not be granted in this matter, you are required to contact Hon. D. Bruce McLean, Esq., within thirty (30) days if you intend to contest said adoption. DONE this the 23rd day of August, 2024.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
 Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
 Probate Judge
 Coffee County, Alabama
 9/12,19,26&10/3-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JUANITA WOODY, DECEASED
DOCKET NO: PR-2024-126

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Murray Kelley, Personal Representative, on the 4th day of September, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Murray Kelley
 Personal Representative
 Benjamin S. Armstrong
 Attorney for Personal Representative
 200 Grove Park, Suite 670
 Dothan, Alabama 36305
 9/12,19&26-pd.

Notice is hereby given that Central Plant Technology, Inc. 11204 South State Hwy 605 Slocumb, AL 36375 has completed all work on the Water Main Replacement Project for the Water Works & Sewer Board of The Town of New Brockton. This notice will appear for three consecutive weeks beginning Thursday, Sept. 12, 2024, and ending Thursday, Sept. 26, 2024. All claims in connection with this project should be filed during this period with the Engineer, DHA Engineering, LLC, 2323 W. Main Street, Suite 227B Dothan, AL 36301. 9/12,19&26-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION
CASE NO: PC 2024-041

IN THE MATTER OF DONNIE WAYNE QUALLS, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 3rd day of September, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee Rowe Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Witness my hand this the 3rd day of September, 2024.
 /s/ Douglas Blake Qualls
 Personal Representative
 9/12,19&26-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION
CASE NO: PC 2024-042

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BRUCE

EUGENE DURGA, Deceased.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE

To: Elizabeth Lou Durga whereabouts unknown
 Tammy Sue Durga whereabouts unknown

Please take notice that on the 5th day of September, 2024 a Petition for Letters of Administration on the Estate of Bruce Eugene Durga, Deceased, was filed in the aforesaid Probate Court by Linnie Durga, as Petitioner, to be named as administrator of said estate; and that the 22nd day of October, 2024, at 9:00 o'clock A.M. has been appointed as the day for hearing said petition, at which time you may appear and contest same, if you deem it proper to do so. GIVEN under my hand and seal of the Court this 5th day of September, 2024.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
 Jodee R. Thompson
 Judge of Probate
 9/12,19&26-pd.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NO: DR-2024-000169.00

LAUREN FREEMAN, PLAINTIFF VS. RICHARD WAYNE LEGER, JR. DEFENDANT.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

To: Richard Wayne Leger, Jr., Whose Whereabouts Are Unknown

You are notified that a Divorce Complaint has been filed in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Alabama against you and you must answer the same within (30) days of the last publication, which will be the 3rd day of October, 2024, or thereafter a default may be rendered against you.

This the 6th day of September, 2024.
 /s/ Lauren Freeman,
 Plaintiff
 9/12,19,26&10/3-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NO. 24-773

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM LEX LAWRENCE, DECEASED

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Brenda Hamamura, Personal Representative, on the 16th day of September, 2024, by the Honorable Toby Seay, Judge of Probate, Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Brenda Hamamura,
 Personal Representative
 Benjamin S. Armstrong,
 Attorney for Personal Representative
 200 Grove Park Lane, Suite 670
 Dothan, Alabama 36305
 9/19,26&10/3-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF HENRY D. WILLIAMSON, DECEASED
CASE NO.: 24-809

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Mark Williamson, as Executor of the Estate of Henry D. Williamson, who departed from this life on the 23rd day of July, 2024, by honorable Toby L. Seay, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present same within the time allowed by law or same will be barred.

Mark Williamson
 Executor of the Estate of Henry D. Williamson, deceased

Attorney for the Estate:
 David W. Rousseau, Esq.
 Rousseau Law Firm
 Post Office Box 10
 801 W. Main Suite 4
 Hartford, AL 36344
 (334) 588-3333
 (334) 588-0046 (fax)
 Attorney for Petitioner/
 Executor
 9/19,26&10/3-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NO. PR-2024-160

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL WALTER POHL, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of the said Deceased having been granted to Kevin Pohl, Personal Representative, on the 16th day of September, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Cameron A. Metcalf
 Cameron A. Metcalf,
 Attorney for Kevin Pohl,
 Personal Representative
 9/19,26&10/3-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

CASE NO.: PR-2024-163

In the Matter of the Estate of JOSEPH A. DECURTIS, deceased.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Joseph A. Decurtis having been granted to Daniel Louis Decurtis and Christine Decurtis Lilly, Personal Representatives, on the 16th day of September, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

DONE this the 16th day of September, 2024.
 /s/ Jodee R. Thompson
 Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge
 9/19,26&10/3-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NO. PR-2024-100

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANNIE JEAN GIBSON, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Euna Gibson as Personal Representative for the Annie Jean Gibson Estate on the 16th day of September, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
 Jodee R. Thompson
 Judge of Probate
 9/19,26&10/3-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of HELEN FARISON JOHNSTON, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2024-159

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of the Estate of Helen Farison Johnston having been granted to Mark Allan Johnston, Personal Representative, on the 10th day of September, 2024 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having

claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

DONE this the 10th day of September, 2024.
 /s/ Jodee R. Thompson
 Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge
 9/19,26&10/3-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF RENA BASS MARSON, DECEASED
CASE NUMBER: PR-2023-100

NOTICE TO CREDITORS TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR
 In the Matter of the Estate of Rena Bass Marson, Deceased, Letters of Administration having been granted to Fanetia T. Love on the 14th day of July, 2023, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within six months after the grant of letters, or within five months from the date of the first publication of this notice, whichever is the later to occur, or the same will be barred.

Witness my hand this the 14th day of July, 2023.
 By: Jodee R. Thompson
 Judge of Probate
 Coffee County, Alabama
 9/19,26&10/3-pd.

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that certain Mortgage, executed on November 17, 2021, by Pamela D. Thame and James B. Thame II, Wife and Husband, as Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Union Home Mortgage Corp. as Mortgagee, which said Mortgage is recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Geneva County, Alabama, in OFFREC Book 1133 at Page 430 on November 24, 2021, and subsequently assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC and recorded in OFFREC Book 1225 at Page 44 on April 1, 2024, and Partial Release recorded in OFFREC Book 1245, Page 335 on September 24, 2024; and default having continued under the terms of said Mortgage, and by virtue of Alabama Code Section 35-10-3 and 35-10-2, the following described real property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, during the legal hours of sale, on **November 4, 2024.**

Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 32, Township 2 North, Range 23 East Geneva County, Alabama. Thence South 88°39' 54" East a distance of 1003.28 feet to the East side of County Highway #38 said point being the POINT OF BEGINNING. From said point of beginning thence leaving said road South 88°39' 54" East a distance of 343.21 feet; thence South 01°10' 00" East a distance of 1241.66 feet; thence North 89° 51' 54" West a distance of 1159.68 feet to the East side of County Hwy #38; thence along said road being a curve to the right having a length of 130.77 feet, a radius of 1406.24 feet, and a chord bearing and distance of North 33° 01' 42" East, 130.73 feet; thence North 34°36' 40" East a distance of 425.57 feet to an existing concrete right of way marker; thence along a curve to the left having a length of 784.11 feet, radius of 7868.11 feet, and a chord bearing and distance of North 31° 53' 54" East, 783.79 feet; thence North 27° 50' 55" East a distance of 137.29 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Said parcel lying in and being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 32, Township 2 North, Range 23 East Geneva County, Alabama, and containing 21.02 acres, more or less.

A 30' EASEMENT RUNNING NORTH AND SOUTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: The SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 32, Township 2, Range 23, and a strip of land 15 yards wide on the east side of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 32, Township 2, Range 23, lying and being situated in Geneva County, Alabama. Said parcel being identified as tax assessment number 34-12-09-32-0-000-010.000.

ALSO: Thirty acres in the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4, Section 5, Township 1, Range 23 lying North of the Geneva and Hartford Highway, LESS AND EXCEPT beginning at the intersection of the North line of said forty and the East right-of-way line of the Geneva-Newton Road, thence East 348 feet; thence South 375 feet; thence West 348 feet; thence North 375 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said parcel being identified as tax assessment number 34-17-03-05-0-000-003.000.

LESS & EXCEPT by Partial Release recorded September 24, 2024 in OFFREC Book 1245, Page 335: ALSO: Thirty acres in the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4, Section 5, Township 1, Range 23 lying North of the Geneva and Hartford Highway, LESS AND EXCEPT beginning at the intersection of the North line of said forty and the East right-of-way line of the Geneva-Newton Road, thence East 348 feet; thence South 375 feet; thence West 348 feet; thence North 375 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said parcel being identified as tax assessment number 34-17-03-05-0-000-003.000.

Subject to all easements, restrictions and reservations appearing of record. Said sale will also be made subject to any Federal Tax Liens and/or Special Assessments of any nature, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the property. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

The property is being sold "as is, where is." Said property is sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use or enjoyment.

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. Kent D. McPhail
 McPhail Sanchez, LLC
 Counsel for Mortgagee/
 Transferee

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Default having been made in the terms of that certain Mortgage, executed on August 20, 2010, by Thomas Alton Boyles, unmarried and Carol Lee Delaney, unmarried, as Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Embrace Home Loans, Inc. as Mortgagee, which said Mortgage is recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Geneva County, Alabama, in OFFREC Book 735 at Page 491 on August 31, 2010, and Modified in OFFREC Book 879, Page 233 recorded on March 17, 2015 and subsequently assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC and recorded in OFFREC Book 988 at Page 187 on April 24, 2018, and default having continued under the terms of said Mortgage, and by virtue of Alabama Code Section 35-10-3 and 35-10-2, the following described real property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, during the legal hours of sale, on **November 12, 2024.**

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Lots 1 and 2, Block A, Jordan Subdivision, as shown on plat of same as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 114, Office of the Judge of Probate, Geneva County, Alabama, together with all improvements situated thereon.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that Wiregrass Electric Cooperative, Inc., an electric cooperative of the State of Alabama (the "Cooperative"), has filed its petition with the Department of Finance of the State of Alabama for approval to the issue and delivery of its Note in the principal sum of \$38,948,000.00 to the Rural Utilities Service ("RUS") for the purpose of fulfilling the Cooperative's long-range work plans and engaging in economic and community development and in the interest of serving its members in the Counties of Coffee, Covington, Dale, Geneva, Henry and Houston in the State of Alabama.

The petition has been set down to be heard on October 29, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. in the hearing room of the Director of Finance, Suite 315, State Capitol Building, 600 Dexter Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama. All persons in interest may appear and contest the petition if they see fit to do so. DONE at Montgomery, Alabama, this the _____ day of _____, 2024.

STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

By: _____
 Bill Poole
 Its: Director of Finance
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION
CASE NO.: PC2024-047

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JAMES THOMAS BAREFOOT, DECEASED.

PATRICIA L. BAREFOOT, PETITIONER.

NOTICE OF COURT PROCEEDINGS

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Summary Distribution has been filed by Patricia L. Barefoot on the 18th day of September, 2024, and that 30 days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to law the Court shall be requested to enter an Order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent. Done this 24th day of September, 2024.
 /s/ Jodee R. Thompson
 Judge of Probate

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Covid bug found its way back to the Mularz house in Elba last week as my oldest grandson Lawson had to sit out three days of school with the never-ending illness. After lots of medicine and rest he felt like getting back to the grind late in the week, but it now looks like his Mom may have also been bitten by the bug, which means more rest, meds and quiet time for them both.

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Tigers kept their region title hopes alive* last week with an amazing 57-53 win over Brantley, in a game that wasn't decided until the final seconds of play. The lead changed hands a total of twelve times in the game, with the final change coming with just 37 seconds left on the clock after the Tigers drove 99 yards during a five-minute drive to pull out the win. The win was just the latest chapter in a book Elba fans can't put down, and kept fans from both teams shaking their heads with twists and turns. It was predicted to be an offensive shootout, and for once the folks that make predictions got it right!

The Elba offense rolled up over 500 yards on the ground in the big win, led by Alvin Henderson, who was held to just 65 yards in the first half, but exploded for 252 yards and four touchdowns in the second half to spark the comeback. Cayden Adkins is often overlooked by opposing fans; however, the senior quarterback rushed for his fifth straight 100-yard game as he rolled up 161 yards and a pair of scores. The Tigers have an awesome '1-2 punch' in Henderson and Adkins, and fueled by a gritty offensive line, they are the among the state's highest scoring teams at the midway point in the season.

The Elba defense was scorched at times by the high-powered Brantley attack, but after giving up 332 yards and five touchdowns through the air in the first half never stopped battling and over the final two quarters limited the Bulldogs to four completions for 61 yards and one score. The Tigers may be dead last in Class 1A in points allowed per game, but came up with an interception in the endzone late in the half to turn back a Brantley scoring threat, forced and then recovered a fumble at the one-yardline to turn back what could have been the game clinching td for the Bulldogs midway through the fourth quarter, and then had another interception in the closing seconds to seal the win. I know it may sound a little crazy since Elba gave up 53 points and over 500 yards in offense in the game, but just maybe the way the game ended will pump new life into the Tigers on defense and hopefully lead the bigger and better things in weeks to come.

*** *It was a week to forget for the other teams* in the area as they logged four losses, all in region play. * New Brockton saw the momentum from its lopsided win over Daleville come to an abrupt end with a 49-0 homefield loss to Dale County, and now will have to regroup in a hurry to stay alive in the region race and keep any playoff hopes alive and well. * Zion Chapel had its chances against Luverne in a region battle at home, but made too many mistakes to defeat a good team and dropped a 41-20 decision that as the Rebels third straight loss after a 2-0 start. * Kinston made the trip to Georgiana and found out first hand why the Panthers are ranked high in the state standings as they came out on the short end of 48-0 loss

Elba braces for Goshen**It just doesn't get any easier for Tigers**

The Elba Tigers will step out of region play and step up in class this week when they host the Goshen Eagles, at Tiger Stadium.

The Tigers will bring a 3-2 record into the clash and own an 8-0 all-time record against the Eagles, with the last win being a

20-14 victory back in 2017. Goshen will enter the game with a 3-1 record with wins over Alabama Christian 40-7, Zion Chapel 44-21 and Calhoun 40-8, and a 53-21 loss to Highland Home.

"Goshen is probably as talented as any team on our



Elba Tiger head football coach Marc Sieving expects another four quarter battle Friday night when Elba hosts 2A power Goshen.

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that left the Bulldogs looking for answers at the midway point of the season. * Brantley matched high-scoring Elba touchdown for touchdown in last week's region headliner, but suffered its first loss of the season in a wild 57-53 shootout that dropped the Bulldogs from the top rung of the region ladder.

*** *The high school football season* has reached the midway mark for most teams and a look at the region standings revealed some surprises, and some not so surprising stats. In Class 1A, Southern Choctaw stands at 4-0 and sits atop the Region 1 standings, while over in Region 2, Georgiana is all alone atop the region standings and has proven that last year's 10-2 record was no fluke, especially since the Panthers have outscored their region opponents 136-32; and up in Region 4, Maplesville is atop the standings, as usual, and has outscore its victims 169-59. In Class 2A, Washington County has come back to life in Region 1 after suffering through seven straight losing seasons and appears to be headed for a berth in the post-season party after a 4-1 start, while up in Region 2, G.W. Long is off to a less than exciting 2-3 start, Providence Christian is enjoying life in the 2A ranks with a 4-1 record and Samson is struggling in the 2A ranks and has been outscored 157-7 in its four straight losses; and up in Region 3, Highland Home is rolling along undefeated and Pike Lib appears to have a solid shot at making the playoffs in its first year of eligibility. In Class 3A, T.R. Miller is the top dog in Region 1 with a 5-0 record and along with Hillcrest Evergreen appears to be the teams to beat in their past of the football world; Houston Academy is making noise in Region 2, along with three Montgomery private schools that help make up the top four in the standings. In Class 4A, St. Michael's is a surprise leader early in the season with a 5-0 slate, even though Jackson is picked as the team to beat in the region race; and up in Region 2, Opp is off to a 4-0 start under Coach Ed Rigby and appears comfortable as front-runners, while Dale County, Pike County, Ashford and Straughn are the other four teams fighting for three available spots. In Class 5A, Vigor and Williamson are easily the cream of the crop in Region 1 with 5-0 records, while in Region 2, Montgomery Catholic is off to a fast 5-0 start and has outscored its victims 212-48, Andalusia is off to a slow start with a 2-3 record due to a rugged early-season schedule, but is still in the playoff hunt along with Eufaula and Charles Henderson. In Class 6A, Saraland and St. Paul's are both 5-0 and share a spot atop the Region 1 standings, while up in Region 2, Russell County is the surprise leader in the standings along with Pike Road, and Rehobeth is trying to survive with a 2-2 slate. In Class 7A, Baker, Fairhope and Mary Montgomery are all 3-0 in the Region 1 standings and are clear favorites to advance, while up in Region 2, Auburn, Montgomery Carver and defending state champ Central Phenix City are all 5-0 and the cream of the crop, with Enterprise and Opelika left to battle it out for a playoff berth.

*** *Back when Auburn hired Hugh Freeze* as its head football coach I made the prediction that the Tigers had made a home-run hire and would win a national title within five years. Now in his second season, I can't be the only one wondering if the new and improved SEC is over his head and if the powers to be up on the plains may once again be looking to make a change sooner than later. Last weekend's 24-14 loss to Arkansas was the second straight home loss for Auburn at a place that used to be one of the most feared stadiums in the nation, and while Freeze has proved he can still recruit, he has yet to prove he and his staff can 'coach up' the players and return the Tigers to the glory days of the past. I'll admit he is still new at the job and still believe he will get better, but there are already major doubts about his ability to coach in the SEC.

schedule and we know it will take our best effort in all areas to post a win," said Elba's Coach Marc Sieving. "They have a couple of really good running backs, a quarterback that can hurt you both running and passing, and an aggressive defense that runs to the football. This is just another very talented opponent and will certainly be a big challenge for our team."

"On offense they run a version of the single-wing with a lot of direct snaps, but at the same time they run it out of the spread," added Coach Sieving. "They have a couple of backs that run hard and have the speed to take it the distance on any play, and using the spread, they can pull it out and throw it deep or drop it off to a back in the flats. Goshen has an offense than can both move the chains and put points on the scoreboard, and has probably the biggest offensive line we have seen. This team is obviously not the kind of team you run into every day at the 1A level, and is good enough to beat a bunch of folks and make a run in the playoffs. We have an idea what they may do on defense since they run an offense similar to us, but at the same time they some really quality players that pack a punch and get after the football. We are going to have to

run the football to have a chance to win the game. However, we will have to be effective when we throw the ball and if we can hit some passes maybe it will loosen them up a little. Goshen has just as many athletes as Glenwood and will come down here with something to prove after last week's second half meltdown in their loss to Highland Home. We expect to get the best Goshen has in the game Friday night and will have to be ready for a war."

When asked about last week's 57-53 win over Brantley, Coach Sieving stated, "I thought our guys showed a lot of grit and determination for all four quarters and never quit battling despite the score. The offense got in at halftime and made some adjustments that helped us be more effective running the ball, and the defense played hard and fought until the end. I know we gave up a lot of points, again, but the defense came up with a fumble that stopped a Brantley drive at the one-yardline and then came up with a pass interception late that sealed the deal. The defense never quit and played hard for all four quarters."

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Staying on the subject of college football, Troy finally got in the win column as the Trojans pulled way late to whip Florida A & M 34-12. The Rattlers threw a scare into the Trojans for three quarters and were probably better than many Troy fans expected, but in the end he Trojans pulled it out and will at least quiet some of their most critical fans, until they lose again.

*** *Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator* said he didn't know if he needed to get a stronger dose of his blood pressure medicine or carry along an AED to the ballgames after last week's 57-53 last-second win over Brantley. The local guesspert laughed that this year's edition of the Tigers isn't good for the heart after games against McKenzie and then Brantley, but did admit after winning a close one at least he gets a chance to catch his breath a little quicker. Anyway, the fearless forecaster hit on 26 of his 30 picks last week to continue a solid season, and dropped off this week's picks....

ELBA VS. GOSHEN

The Pea River felines were licking their wounds after a short ride back last week, but did have a smile on their faces after surviving a region shootout on the road. This week they will be back at home looking to feast on a flock of birds that boast one of the state's most explosive offenses. Does that mean another shootout is on the way?

ELBA 41 GOSHEN 40**BRANTLEY VS. HIGHLAND HOME**

The bulldogs from up above the creek will have to get ready in a hurry after a short week of work in a cross-county battle against a band of flyboys from up the road. If the 'dogs are still thinking about last week's tough region loss this one could hurt even more. The bark will be back, but hard to hear over the jet engines from above.

HIGHLAND HOME 34 BRANTLEY 22**KINSTON VS. SAMSON**

The Bulldogs from down near the county line will be back home and will have to be ready for a visit from a litter of very hungry kitties that are still looking for their first win. While the 'dogs will be heavy favorites, this one could be closer than many think. In a dogfight....

KINSTON 30 SAMSON 16**NEW BROCKTON VS. MONROE COUNTY**

The roosters from over near the four-lane will have some tired wings after a long flight over to the western part of the state and will have to be ready from the start against a litter of kitties that are looking for a big win at home. If they lose many more feathers they may have to hitch-hike back, but the ride back should be more enjoyable after a win.

NEW BROCKTON 34 MONROE COUNTY 26**OTHER PICKS:**

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SPORTS NEWS

Drive 99-yards to score winning td

*Tigers survive 57-53 region shootout against Brantley*By, *Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor*Photos by *BC Sports Photography*

The Elba Tigers kept their region title hopes alive Friday night with a heart-stopping 57-53 road win over the previously undefeated Brantley Bulldogs, in a game that included over 1,000 yards in total offense, two kickoff returns for touchdowns and 12 lead changes.

Brantley scored on its first play from scrimmage on a 64-yard pass from Jayden Parks to Daylan Davis to grab a 6-0 lead only 24-seconds into the game, while it took Elba five plays to put its first points of the night on the scoreboard, with the Tiger touchdown coming on a 52-yard run by Cayden Adkins. Trai Davis kicked the extra-point following the Elba td, and with 9:52 left on the scoreboard the Tigers were on top 7-6.

Brantley again needed only one play to reach the endzone on its second offensive series as this time Parks hooked up with Cooper Layton on a 63-yard touchdown toss, and while a two-point pass missed its target, the Bulldogs were back on top 12-7 with 9:32 remaining in the quarter.

This time Elba didn't even have to snap the football to regain the lead as on the ensuing kickoff Cayden Adkins fielded the kick and tossed it back to Alvin Henderson, who turned the corner and raced 72 yards down the sidelines for a Tiger touchdown. A low snap foiled the extra-point attempt, but with 9:18 left in the quarter Elba was back in front 13-12.

Elba upped its lead to 15-12 on Brantley's next possession when Cayden Adkins blocked a punt that was recovered in the endzone by a Bulldog lineman with 8:36 left in the quarter, and while the Tigers failed to score on their ensuing possession and were forced to punt, Brantley didn't forget its way to the endzone and regained the lead at 20-15 with 5:28 still left in the wild first quarter on a 50-yard touchdown pass from Parks to Tyler Carter, and a two-point run by Andre Wright.

The Tigers changed the tempo of the game on its next offensive series as they drove 61-yards in nine running plays and ate up over five minutes off the clock to move back on top. Alvin Henderson rushed for 22 yards on three carries to help lead Elba down the field, while Cayden Adkins rushed for 35 yards on four carries and crossed the goal line on a 21-yard run on the first play of the second quarter. Henderson ran in the two-point conversion, and with 11:52 left in the

second quarter the Tigers owned a 23-20 lead.

Brantley began its next possession near midfield and went 60 yards in six plays to snatch the lead back away from Elba. Jayden Parks completed two of three passes for 38 yards to spark the drive, which was capped by a 22-yard td toss from Parks to Davis. A two-point pass again missed its target, but the Bulldogs had regained the lead at 26-23 with 8:58 left in the quarter.

Elba was stopped on a fourth down run at the Brantley 40-yardline on its ensuing possession, and the Bulldogs promptly went 60 yards in six plays to extend their advantage. Parks complete three of six passes during the scoring drive for 56 yards, with the touchdown coming on a 20-yard pass to Davis. Michael Thompson kicked the extra-point, and with 4:29 remaining in the half Brantley had opened up a 33-23 lead.

Elba put the ball back in play at its own 32-yardline following the ensuing kickoff and cut into the Brantley lead as the Tigers drove 68 yards in six plays to get back into the endzone. A 46-yard pass from Cayden Adkins to Brady Johnson was a key play in the long scoring drive, while the score came on a 7-yard run by Alvin Henderson. The extra-point try was blocked, but with 1:47 left in the half the Tigers were within 33-29.

Brantley was determined to score again in the offensive shootout and quickly reached a first down at the Elba 25-yardline behind two pass completions from Parks to Layton, but this time the Elba defense came up with a stop on a pass interception in the endzone by Jerrod Anderson and at the half the Tigers deficit remained 33-29.

Elba received the second half kickoff and needed six plays to cover 48 yards to the endzone. A 21-yard scamper by Jacob Ledbetter was a key play in the scoring drive, while Alvin Henderson capped the drive with a 28-yard touchdown dash on fourth down and five. Cayden Adkins ran in the two-point conversion, and with 7:55 left in the third quarter the Tigers were back on top 37-33.

Brantley began its ensuing possession at its

own 23-yardline and went 77 yards in 10 plays to retake the lead at 41-37 with 3:55 left in the quarter. Trey Pittman rushed for 27 yards on two carries on the long scoring drive, with the score coming on a 34-yard touchdown toss from Parks to Layton. The same duo hooked up for the two-point conversion as the Bulldogs continued their assault on the scoreboard.

Elba began its ensuing possession at its own 30-yardline and answered the latest Brantley score as the Tigers covered the 70 yards to the endzone in just six plays. Alvin Henderson rushed for 57 yards on two totes and capped the drive with a 38-yard scoring run, and Trai Davis added the extra-point to put Elba on top 44-41 with 32-seconds remaining in the quarter.

The Tigers lead didn't last for long; however, as on the ensuing kickoff Brantley's Tyler Carter fielded the kick at the 16-yardline, spotted hole in the middle of the field and raced untouched 84 yards for a Bulldog touchdown. The extra-point was blocked by Elba's Emmanuel Cooks, but with 21-seconds left in the quarter Brantley had regained the lead at 47-44.

Elba lost a fumble at its own 34-yardline on its next series and Brantley took advantage of the short field to cash in the turnover and stretch its lead. A 25-yard run by Tyler Carter was a big play in the short scoring drive, while Andre Wright capped the drive with a 2-yard touchdown run. The extra-point try again failed. However, with 9:18 left in the fourth quarter the Bulldogs were on top 53-44.

Elba began its next possession at its own 2-yardline after a mix-up on the ensuing kickoff, but needed only three plays to cover the 98 yards to the endzone as Alvin Henderson broke a tackle at the line of scrimmage, reached the sidelines and raced 86 yards for a Tiger touchdown. Davis again added the extra-point, and with 7:45 left on the clock Elba was within 53-51.

Brantley appeared ready to wrap up the wild win on its next possession as the Bulldogs reached a first down and goal at the Elba 2-yardline behind the passing of Parks and the running of Wright. However, the Tigers received a breath of life when Elba's Cassidy



Elba Tiger Cayden Adkins (10) leads Tiger teammate Alvin Henderson (2) around the corner for a big gain in last week's 57-53 region win over Brantley. Henderson rushed for 317 yards and 5 touchdowns and Adkins rushed for 161 yards and 2 touchdowns in the wild road win.

Carpenter recovered a fumble at the one to turn back the scoring threat.

A 39-yard run by Cayden Adkins on first down gave Elba room to work at its own 40-yardline, and the Tigers stayed on the ground and headed down the field as Alvin Henderson gained 50 yards on three carries to move Elba within the shadows if the goal post. Elba ran two plays just to eat clock after reaching a first down at the Brantley 4-yardline, and on third down crossed the goal line on a 1-yard run by Henderson. A two-point run failed to produce points, but with only 37-seconds left on the clock the Tigers had battled back and taken a 57-53 lead.

Brantley began its final possession at its own 7-yardline after a mishandled kickoff, and on second down Elba's Brady Johnson picked off a deflected pass to seal the wild 57-53 region road win over the Bulldogs.

Alvin Henderson rushed for 317 yards on 25 carries and scored 5 touchdowns to lead the Elba ground attack, and also returned a kickoff 72 yards for a score, while Cayden Adkins rushed for 161 yards and 2 td's on 19 carries, and Jacob Ledbetter added 42 yards rushing on six carries.

Jayden Parks completed 16 of 27 passes, with two interceptions, for 393 yards and six touchdowns to lead Brantley, with Daylan Davis pulling in eight passes for 189 yards and 3 td's, Cooper Layton pulling in five passes for 143 yards and 2 td's, and Tyler Carter pulling in four passes for 61 yards and 1 td, and returning a kickoff 84 yards for a touchdown.



Elba Tiger Logan Horton (61) tries to pull away from a Brantley lineman as he applies pressure to the Brantley quarterback in last week's big 57-53 region road win over the Bulldogs.



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Brantley Bulldog Jayden Parks (1) passed for 393 yards and 6 touchdowns in last week's 57-53 region loss to the Elba Tigers.

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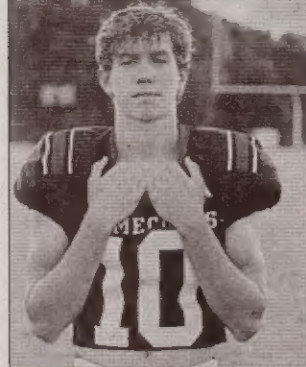
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SPORTS NEWS

Gamecocks scalped by Warriors 49-0

Statistics by Brandon White

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw their dreams of a big region win at home turn into a nightmare last Thursday night in a 49-0 loss to the Dale County Warriors.



DAWSON PEACOCK

Dale County scored twenty points in the first quarter to jump out to a big early lead, upped its lead to 28-0 at the half and never looked back as it claimed the impressive region road win over the Gamecocks.

Dawson Peacock rushed for 9 yards on 9 carries and completed 5 of 12 passes for 68 yards to lead the New Brockton offense, while

Camrin Wolf rushed for 68 yards on 17 carries and Baylon Foster rushed for 55 yards on 3 carries and caught 2 passes for 34 yards, and Josiah Lewis had 1 reception for 25 yards.

Bryant Crumpler had 8 tackles to lead the Gamecock defense, while Gabriel Dean added 4 stops; Kaiden Sims, Kylan Radcliffe and Bradyn Crumpler all added 3 stops; and, Aden Barkley had 2 tackles and blocked a field goal.

Dallas Hedstrom completed 13 of 15 passes for 259 yards and five touchdowns and added 47 yards rushing to spark the Warrior offensive attack, while Junior Smith caught three touchdown passes in the first quarter covering 39, 2 and 71 yards; Kam Cotton had six receptions for 69 yards and a 6-yard td catch; Cody Jaggers caught a 19-yard touchdown pass and Tristan Smith caught two passes for 52 yards. Juelz Burse scored on a 14-yard run and John Awoh connected on all seven extra-points.

The Dale County defense was led by Jalen Griffin with 16 tackles, including three tackles for a loss, and Stacy Atkins with 10 tackles, including two tackles for a loss.



Kinston Bulldogs were ready to roll last week as they burst through the run through before their region road match-up with Georgiana.

AREA FOOTBALL PREVIEW

The high school football season will continue this week with a schedule that includes one game on Thursday night and a pair of games set for Friday for teams in the area.

Following is a preview of this week's action:

THURSDAY

Highland Home (5-0) at Brantley (3-1)

The Brantley Bulldogs will be looking to bounce back from their first loss of the season and pull off a shocker at the same time on Thursday night when they host the undefeated Highland Home Flying Squadron at David Lowery Stadium. Brantley holds a 55-24 advantage all-time over the Squadron, but has lost the last two meetings, including a 46-0 defeat a year ago.

Brantley will bring a 3-1 record into the cross-county match-up with wins over Luverne 40-24, Pleasant Home 39-0 and Red Level 48-14, and a 57-53 loss to Elba, while Highland Home, the number two team in Class 2A, will enter the game with a perfect 5-0 slate with wins over 4A Straughn 38-9, 5A Charles Henderson 24-0, and region foes Barbour County 54-0, Zion Chapel 63-0 and Goshen 53-21.

FRIDAY

Samson (0-4) at Kinston (1-4)

The Kinston Bulldogs will be back at home and looking to pick up their second win of the season on Friday night when they host the winless Samson Tigers. Samson owns a 33-9 series edge over the Bulldogs, while Kinston has won the last three meetings, including a big 34-6 win a year ago.

Kinston defeated Red Level 38-0 for its lone win of the season, while losing to Zion Chapel 27-20, Geneva County 72-62, Elba 68-28 and Georgiana 48-0. Samson has lost to Pike Lib 40-0, G.W. Long 34-0, Providence Christian 35-0 and Cottonwood 48-7.

New Brockton (1-4) at Monroe County (0-4)

Two teams hungry for a win will meet Friday night at Monroeville when the New Brockton Gamecocks tangle with the Monroe County Tigers. This will mark the first time the two teams have met on the gridiron.

New Brockton has defeated Daleville 53-21 and lost to Pike Lib 35-6, Slocomb 40-34, Opp 30-27 and Dale County 49-0, while Monroe County has lost to Florala 31-25, Escambia County 33-8, T.R. Miller 56-0 and Bayside 35-0.

WEEKLY HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, Sept. 26
(Volleyball)
Luverne at Zion Chapel (JR-JV-V) 4:00
Straughn at New Brockton (JR-JV-V) 4:00
Saturday, Sept. 28
(Volleyball)
Dotlan Varsity Tournament (Elba, New Brockton)
Opp Varsity Tournament (Zion Chapel, Brantley)
Monday, Sept. 3
(Volleyball)
Andalusia at Kinston (JR-JV-V) 4:00
Zion Chapel at Goshen (JR-JV-V) 4:00
New Brockton Junior Tri-Match
5:00 - vs. Coppinville
6:00 - vs. Dauphin
New Brockton Varsity Tri-

Match
5:00 - in Geneva, vs. Headland
6:00 - in Geneva, vs. Geneva (JV Football)
Elba at Arlton 6:00
Zion Chapel at Kinston 6:00
Brantley at Highland Home 6:00
Coppinville at New Brockton 5:00

Tuesday, Oct. 1
(Volleyball)
Elba at Pike County (JV-V) 4:30
Kinston at Emmanuel Ch. (JV-V) 4:00
Zion Chapel at Pike Lib (JR-JV-V) 4:00
Highland Home at Brantley (JV-V) 4:00

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Zion Chapel Rebels converge to stop a Luverne runner for a loss in last week's 41-20 region loss. The Rebels will get the week off after three straight losses to prepare for a crucial region road game against the Pike Liberal Arts Patriots, with a possible playoff berth on the line.

Rebels region woes continue

From combined reports

Photos by Amanda Clark

The Zion Chapel Rebels saw their region woes continue last Thursday night with a 41-20 homefield loss to the Luverne Tigers.

Luverne cashed in a Zion Chapel turnover on the Rebels first play from scrimmage and drove 68 yards into the endzone grab an early 8-0 lead, but the Rebels battled right back and capped a long scoring drive with a 10-yard touchdown run by John Foster Hamm, and a two-point run by Hamm, to pull even at 8-8 with 2:36 remaining in the first quarter.

The Tigers add a pair of second quarter scores to carry a 22-8 lead in at the half, and added a touchdown early in the third quarter to stretch their lead to 28-8. However, Zion Chapel again rallied and pulled within 28-14 on a 78-yard kickoff return by Jolo LeGear.

Luverne regained command and pushed its lead to 34-14 early in the fourth quarter, but the Rebels refused to surrender and when Brayden Benbow scored on a 7-yard run up the middle Zion Chapel was within 34-20.

The Rebels lost a fumble inside the Luverne 10-yardline to come away empty-handed after another impressive drive, and the Tigers added a score with just 30-seconds left on the clock and added the extra-point to take home the 41-20 road region win.

Bulldogs blanked 48-0

Statistics by W.J. Adcock

Courtesy photo

The Kinston Bulldogs traveled to Georgiana Friday night for a big region clash with the undefeated Georgiana Panthers and were simply outmanned in a 48-0 road loss.

Georgiana scored three touchdowns in the first quarter to grab an early 24-0 lead and added one touchdown in each of the final three quarters to claim the 48-0 region win at home.

Kinston threatened to get on the scoreboard in the first quarter and reached the Panther 24-yardline behind

the running of Gabriel Hataway before turning the ball over on a pass interception, threatened again early in the fourth quarter and reached the Panther 14-yardline after a fumble recovery by the Bulldogs Marcus Free, and was at the Panther 30-yardline when the game ended, sparked by the running of Thomas Rials.

Thomas Rials rushed for 38 yards on 11 carries and Gabriel Hataway added 37 yards on 13 carries to lead the Kinston offense, while Judson Green rushed for 20 yards on nine carries.



Zion Chapel Rebel John Foster Hamm (0) rolls out and looks for a receiver in last week's 41-20 region setback to Luverne.

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The work generally consists of approximately the following: the collection of garbage services for the City of Elba.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the City Hall Tuesday, October 21, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

To be eligible for consideration, bids must be submitted on complete proposals made available by the Owner. Complete digital project bidding documents are available upon request to Sally Bane, City Clerk at sbane@elbaal.gov. Optional complete paper bid documents are available at Elba City Hall, 200 Buford Street Elba, AL 36323.

All bids shall be submitted using the form provided in the bid packet. Bids not submitted with the form will not be opened. All Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope bearing on the outside the name of the Bidder, Bidder's license number, address and name of the project. Envelopes containing bids must be addressed as follows and delivered to the City Hall of Elba at 200 Buford Street; Elba, Alabama, 36323, "Collection of Garbage Services."

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities, or to reject any or all bids, and to award the contract to the lowest, responsible, responsive bidder. Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. The successful bidder will be required to submit 100% performance and payment bonds.

Guarantee will be required with each bid for at least 5% of the amount of the bid filed in the form of a certified check, Bid Bond, or irrevocable Letter of Credit acceptable to the owner payable to the City of Elba. Bid Bonds shall include certification that the bonding company is listed in Circular 570 of the U.S. Treasury Department. The name, address, telephone number, and contact person for the bonding company shall also be included.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bids.

Tom Maddox
Mayor, City of Elba
9/26,10/3,10&17-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

Enterprise Division

CASE NO.: PR-2023-070

IN RE: The estate of MARJORIE I. FARNUM, Deceased.

PUBLICATION NOTICE

Notice to: Barbara Nieten

Address: 10496 S Walden Forest Circle, Homosassa, Florida 34446

Please take notice that a Petition of Personal Representatives for Final Discharge in the above-styled matter has been filed in said Court by Janet Lumley and Linda Zito, Petitioners, and that the 21st day of October, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. has been set for hearing on the same at the Coffee County Courthouse in Enterprise, Alabama. Please be advised that if you intend to contest this, you MUST file a written response within thirty (30) days hereof with counsel for said Petitioners, whose name and address are as shown below and with the Clerk of the said Probate Court. Submitted this 19th day of September, 2024.

/s/ Gary D. Bradshaw

Gary D. Bradshaw

(BRA074)

Attorney for Petitioners
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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NO.: PR-2024-165

In the Matter of the Estate of Helene Celia Peets, Deceased.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration for the Estate of Helene Celia Peets having been granted to John C. Accornero, Jr., Personal Representative, on the 18th day of September, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

DONE this the 18th day of September, 2024.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge
9/26,10/3&10-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ENTERPRISE DIVISION
CASE NO.: PR-2024-164

In the Matter of the Estate of BETTY D. MILLS, Deceased.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Betty D. Mills having been granted to James Mark Mills and Martha Elaine Mills Tuck, Personal Representatives, on the 18th day of September, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

DONE this the 18th day of September, 2024.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge
9/26,10/3&10-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ENTERPRISE DIVISION
CASE NO.: PR-2024-161

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF Edwina S. Vaughn, Deceased.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of Edwina S. Vaughn, deceased, having been granted to Charles G. Vaughn, Personal Representative, on the 17th day of September, 2024, by the Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama
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Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church invites all to Homecoming set for Oct. 6

Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church, located at 3698 County Road 228, Elba, will hold homecoming on Sunday, October 6.

The Old Southern Gospel Group will provide music beginning at 10:00 a.m., and services will begin at 11:00. Bro. Richard Collier will provide the message, followed by dinner on the



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Scripture: Proverbs 3: 5-6

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Robert (Moe) Edwards 10/11
Emmanuel Stalldworth 10/13

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Barbara Tillis 10/17
Barbara K. Smith 10/17
Eric Culver 10/17

No Accidental Fixes

We expect natural disaster to destroy property and injure people, and this is what normally happens. We expect machines and other objects that aren't functioning to require the help of technicians or handymen to make them work properly again. Usually this is so. However, consider what happened early one morning in January of 1994, when an earthquake measuring 6.6 on the Richter scale struck Los Angeles, California. In the darkness, many people stumbled out of bed fearing for their lives.

Then, as a result of the tremor, some strange things happened. A woman whose home was severely damaged owned a pendulum clock that hadn't run for months. It worked after the earthquake. Another woman's refrigerator had sounded "like a diesel truck" before the quake, but afterward it "purred like a kitten." In one place of business, a repairman had tried on numerous occasions to fix the photocopier, but without success. After the earthquake, it worked perfectly.

On the human side of things, a man who had awakened every morning the past ten years with an aching back found that

after the earthquake he no longer had any pain.

All of these blessings are simply quirks of circumstance, nothing more than accidental fixes. However, God offered Israel a more certain way to a life of blessedness. If they would follow in His way and keep His commandments, He would bless their land. They could lie down in peace and not be afraid. - C.R.B.

Question / Answer Section

for the Week of 9/26/24

Q: Who told David, "Go, do all that is in thine heart for the Lord is with thee." (an angel, Nathan, Bathsheba)
A: Nathan [2 Samuel 7:3]
Q: To whom did David say, "Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle." (Joab, Samson, Moab)
A: Joab [2 Samuel 11: 14,15]

Thought to Remember
Jesus looks down on us with an eye of pity and compassion

Q/A for the Week of 10/3/24

Q: To whom did David said, I have sinned against the Lord?

Q: How many burnt offerings did Solomon offer at Gibeon?

Q: How long did it take for Solomon to build the house of the Lord?

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

Military Support Group Meetings in Enterprise:

Enterprise Military Support Group meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Anyone who needs to talk about difficult experiences and needs an understanding friend is invited. Meetings at Church on Boll Weevil Circle, 2017 Boll Weevil Circle, Enterprise, Ala.

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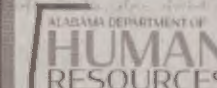
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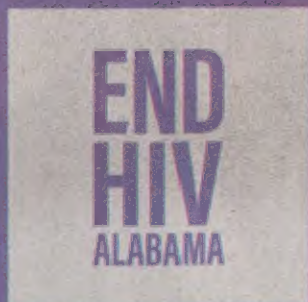
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